

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, after the title and before the first sentence, kindly insert the following paragraph:

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

The present application claims the benefit under all relevant U.S. statutes, including 35 U.S.C. 120, to U.S. Application No. 09/826,940 filed April 6, 2001, titled FILTERED CATHODIC ARC DEPOSITION METHOD AND APPARATUS, which in turn claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 to Canadian Application No. 2,305,938 filed April 10, 2000.